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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN REACTION TO MIDDLE EAST

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SUMMARY: INDONESIAN PRESS CONTINUING TO GIVE HEAVY  
COVERAGE TO ME, WITH EMPHASIS ON US INVOLVEMENT.  
GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO MAKE STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT  
OF ARAB CAUSE. ISLAMIC STUDENTS HAVE ISSUED  
STATEMENT CRITICAL OF US. THANKS PARTLY TO  
"DEMONSTRATION EFFECT" OF EVENTS IN KUALA LUMPUR  
AND THAILAND, ANTI-US DISPLAYS COULD TAKE PLACE  
HERE, ALTHOUGH WOULD WATCH THEM

CLOSELY AND ALMOST CERTAINLY BE ABLE TO KEEP EVENTS  
WELL UNDER CONTROL. END SUMMARY.

1. INDONESIAN PRESS IS GIVING HEAVY COVERAGE TO  
REPORTED US RESUPPLY OF ISRAEL AND REINFORCEMENTS  
TO SIXTH FLEET, AS WELL AS STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT  
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NIXON INTERPRETED AS HINTING AT POSSIBILITY OF INTERVEN-  
TION. TYPICAL OCT 17 HEADLINES: "US TROOPS STRENGTHEN

SIXTH FLEET IN MIDDLE EAST" (NUSANTARA); "US MAY INTER-  
VENE IN MIDDLE EAST" (HARIAN KAMI); "US SENDS 2000  
MARINES TO MIDDLE EAST" (PEDOMAN) AND "AMERICAN WEAPONS  
FLOOD ISRAEL" (BERITA BUANA). PAPERS FOR MOST PART HOWEVER  
HAVE GIVEN REASONABLY BALANCED VIEW US STATEMENTS AND  
ACTIONS VERSUS USSR'S, EXCEPTING MERDEKA WHOSE BIAS SHOWS.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK RECEIVED ENVOYS OF FIVE ARAB  
STATES (EGYPT, SAUDIA ARABIA, IRAQ, SYRIA AND ALGERIA)  
ON COT 16 AND REITERATED INDONESIAN SUPPORT FOR ARAB  
POSITION. ACCORDING ANTARA, MALIK "DENOUNCED" ISRAEL  
FOR FAILING TO IMPLEMENT 1967 UN RESOLUTION.

3. ACCORDING SEVERAL PAPERS, EIGHT ISLAMIC YOUTH AND  
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS ISSUED JOINT STATEMENT CRITICIZING  
US INTERFERENCE IN ME WAR AND STATING THEIR READINESS TO  
BECOME VOLUNTEERS TO HELP IN STRUGGLE AGAINST ZIONISM.  
(THREE OUT OF THE EIGHT ORGANIZATIONS ARE AFFILIATES OF  
FORMER POLITICAL PARTY NU WHOSE LEADER JUSUF HASJIM RE-  
RECENTLY SAID THAT US RESUPPLY OF ISRAEL COULD RESULT IN  
ANTI-AMERICAN REACTION SPREADING WORLDWIDE,  
INCLUDING INDOENESIA - SEE REFTEL. PRESS REPORTS ALSO  
STATE THAT MEETING OF TWENTY MOSLEM LEADERS  
SPONSORED BY "INTERNATIONAL ISLAMCI ORGANIZATION"  
BASED IN JAKARTA APPEALED TO INDONESIAN PEOPLE  
TO DONATE MEDICINES, ETC, NEEDED FOR "LIBERATION  
WAR".

4. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF ATMOSPHERE BUILDING UP PARTLY  
AS A RESULT OF MEDIA COVERAGE ON MIDDLE  
EAST OUR EARLIER COMMENT (PARA 3 REFTEL) REGARDING  
UNLIKELIHOOD OF ANTI-US DEMONSTRATIONS MAY HAVE  
BEEN OVER OPTIMISTIC. WHILE THERE IS NO SIGN  
OF SUCH ACTION AT PRESENT, IT SEEMS INCREASINGLY  
LIKELY THAT MOSLEM YOUTH MAY TRY TO BUILD  
SOLIDARITY AND SEEK OUTLET FOR NUMEROUS OTHER  
GRIEVANCES (E.G., THE MARRIAGE BILL) BY  
SOME KIND OF ACTION ON THIS ISSUE. GOVERNMENT'S  
CONTINUING LIP SERVICE TO ARAB CAUSE MIGHT  
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MAKE PERMISSION OF MILD DISPLAY SEEM TO BE THE  
LEAST AWKWARD COURSE, ESPECIALLY IF THIS WOULD  
DIVERT ATTENTION FROM OTHER ISSUES. FURTHERMORE,  
EVENTS IN THAILAND AND RECENT DEMONSTRATIONS  
IN KUALA LUMPUR BOTH PUBLICIZED HERE AND MAY  
HAVE PLANTED SOME IDEAS IN STUDENTS MINDS.  
ON THE OTHER HAND THESE EVENTS WILL ALSO INCREASE  
VIGILANCE OF SECURITY AUTHORITIES WHO HAVE HAD  
LONG EXPERIENCE IN CONTROL AND MANIPULATION OF  
STUDENT AFFAIRS AND REMAIN EXTREMELY SENSITIVE

TO ISLAMIC ACTIVISM OF ANY KIND. IN SHORT RUN WE WOULD  
NOT BE TOTALLY SURPRISED TO SEE MILD ANTI-US DEMONSTRATIONS  
HERE SIMILAR TO THOSE IN KUALA LUMPUR BUT WOULD  
EXPAYT GOI TO WATCH THEM CAREFULLY AND ALMOST CERTAINLY  
BE ABLE TO KEEP THEM WELL UNDER CONTROL. IN LONGER TERM,  
IF ARAB ISRAELI WAR SHOULD CONTINUE AND AS ISSUE OF US  
RESUPPLY SHARPENS, TENSIONS IT WILL CREATE AMONG MOSLEM  
HERE (AND ADD TO THOSE ALREADY PRESENT) MAY BRING GREATER  
THREATOF ANTI-US ACTIONS.  
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